



LARGE SCALE FUNDABLE PROJECT TYPES

The purpose of the Lake Michigan Coastal Grants Program is to protect and restore coastal natural, cultural, and historical resources. Coastal Grants Program projects must occur within the Program Area's boundaries and be consistent with the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972.

Fundable Project Types

§306A Low-cost Construction

Projects that result in the physical change of property and involve the use of machinery or hand tools, includes the construction of man-made structures for the purpose of public access and includes habitat restoration practices. Projects must occur on land for which a public interest is held, however, they can not occur on Federally owned property.

§306A Land Acquisition

Projects that involve the acquisition of land from willing sellers of fee-simple or other public interest in land (e.g. purchasing an easement for a public right-of-way, acquisition of historic/cultural resources for public use, acquisition of tracts of land for the purpose improving the connectivity of stream corridors and habitat and for improved public access.) However, land purchases are limited to: (1) areas that provide or improve public access or (2) that provide preservation of a significant natural resource. Acquisition may also include the purchase of easements, entering into leases, and purchase of development rights.

§306 Planning/Coordination/Management

Projects that assist communities and organizations in the coordination and planning for the management or restoration of natural, cultural, and historical resources in the coastal area. Projects may include improvements in coordination and planning as well as resource management planning and diagnostic studies.

§306 Research

Projects that improve knowledge and understanding of coastal processes and of rare or significant ecosystems in the program area. Projects may also include studies of areas of historical significance or cultural value. Studies should have practical applications and result in improved management decisions. The information gathered should provide citizens and decision makers with a better understanding of natural processes, cultural history, or effects of changing landscape in the Lake Michigan Coastal Program area and lead to potential policy changes.

§306 Education/Outreach

Projects that improve the connection between the public and the natural, cultural, and/or historical resources of Indiana's Lake Michigan watershed. Projects may include activities which meet Indiana state approved curriculum guidelines that would not normally be introduced to students. Projects may also include the creation of topic specific outreach materials, workshops and conferences that will increase opportunities for citizens to participate in decisions affecting Lake Michigan and the Coastal Program Area.